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Agreements adopted by the Tariff :

Coordinating Conferences of the Inter- : Docket OST-98-4851
national Air Transport Association : R-1 through R-3
relating to composite cargo resolutions :

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Various members of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have filed an agreement with the Department under section 41309 of Title 49 of the United States Code (Code) and Part 303 of the Department's regulations. The agreement was adopted at the Cargo Tariff Coordinating Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, May 4-8, 1998. 1/

The agreement increases rates and charges for selected items from various countries in Central America to the United States. The minimum Dangerous Goods Handling Fee is increased from \$40 to \$50 per consignment of up to five different types of dangerous goods, with a maximum fee per consignment of \$250 and a maximum of twenty different types of dangerous goods. The minimum charge for transportation of valuable cargo is increased from \$50 to \$75. Finally, the charge for carriage of human remains is increased from the "N" rate to 150% of the "N" rate. 2/

We have received economic justification in support of the rate changes from American Airlines, Inc. (American); Delta Air Lines, Inc., (Delta); Federal Express Corporation (FedEx); and United

1/ IATA memoranda CTC COMP 0101, filed with the Department December 3, 1998.

2/ The "N" rate is the rate charged shippers for shipments with a weight below the first weight break, generally 45 kilograms (about 100 lbs.).